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SUBJECT: FURTHER REPORTS OF LIBYAN AND ETHIOPIAN  
INVOLVEMENT IN COUP ATTEMPT

REF: KHARTOUM 1989

1. PRESS JULY 8 REPORTS ON RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS OF  
CAPTURED FOREIGN AND SUDANESE PARTICIPANTS IN JULY 2-3  
COUP ATTEMPT. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY SUDAN NEWS AGENCY.  
FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL "REVELATIONS".

2. ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED MERCENARIES AND SUDANESE  
REACTIONARIES HAD BEEN TRAINED IN "FAR AWAY PLACES IN  
ETHIOPIA" SINCE 1973. A NUMBER WERE AT SOME POINT  
TRANSFERRED TO LIBYA IN "LIBYAN CARS" VIA THE SUDAN.  
THE DEPARTURE POINT IN SUDAN FOR THE TRIP TO LIBYA WAS  
MELLIT (JUST NORTH OF AL FASHER IN WESTERN SUDAN). ONCE IN LIBYA,  
RECRUITS WERE TRAINED BY LIBYAN ARMY OFFICERS IN THE USE OF  
REVOLVERS AND KALASHNIKOV RIFLES. THE LIBYAN TRAINING  
CAMPS WERE LOCATED AT KUFRA AND RUMAILA (SIC).

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3. SOME RECRUITS WERE PERSUADED TO GO TO LIBYA WITH THE PROMISE OF BEING GIVEN A GOOD JOB THERE BUT WERE PRESSED INTO TRAINING IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL. RECRUITS WERE TOLD THAT THEIR MISSION WOULD BE TO REIMPOSE ISLAMIC RULE IN THE SUDAN. BEFORE LEAVING LIBYA FOR THE SUDAN, THEY WERE GIVEN MONEY AND PROMISED MORE. ACCORDING TO ONE SUDANESE PARTICIPANT, HIS GROUP ARRIVED IN SUDAN IN THREE LIBYAN TRUCKS ACCOMPANIED BY TEN CARS CARRYING ARMS.

4. THE PRINCIPAL SUDANESE CONTACTS AND RECRUITERS ENCOUNTERED BY THE RECRUITS WERE THE FOLLOIWN (AS PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS): BAHR AL-DIN AL-GALLABI; AHMED ADAM: "IDRIS"; BUSHRA ABDALLA; AND AHMED SAAD. AL-SHARIF AL-HINDI VISITED TRAINING CAMPS IN LIBYA.

5. COMMENT: THIS STORY APPEARED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PUBLICATION IN PRESS OF PHOTOS SHOWING AMMUNITION CRATES AND VEHICLES BEARING LIBYAN MARKINGS. ALL OF THIS IS CLEARLY PART OF A CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO PUT BRAND OF AUTHENTICITY ON GOS CLAIMS THAT COUP ATTEMPT WAS IN FACT A FOREIGN INVASION ENGINEERED BY LIBYA. BREWER

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